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This is volume VII, number 1 of Diplomacy Review and is being sent to all the current members, along with other interested persons.

A New Year, A New Council, and A New Volume: As most of you are aware of by now, the new Council is in office and for those of you who are not informed as to who the new Councilmen are, here is a list of your new Council.

President: Bob Hartwig Jr.
Ombudsman: David Bunke
Treasurer: Doug Beyerlein
Special Projects: Konrad Baumeister
Periodicals Editor: Jerry Jones
U.S. Representative: Andy Cook
Canadian Representative: Cal White

I can only officially speak for myself, but I am sure that I am sharing the thoughts of all the Councilmen when I say thank for the support and for the honor of being chosen to be on your council.

The voting turnout was rather small but with the confusion that ended the last year the turnout was about what would have been expected. Slightly under 50% of the members voted but in most cases the results were clear-cut.

Bob Hartwig says, "My door is always open" and if you wish to call and talk to Bob you are free to do so. (The phone call ain't free, but what the heck.) You can reach Bob any weeknight between 7:30 and 10:00 PM. Be sure that that is Local Iowa Time which I believe is about two weeks behind the West Coast. Bob's phone number is: (319) 353-0787.

And this is the start of a new volume of Diplomacy Review. I wish to thank Ben Grossman for the work he did last year, publishing two issues of DR when not too many others would have, and for offering some ideas and suggestions on the publishing of this newsletter. This is all very new to me and maybe in three or four years (Might as well start campaigning now) I'll figure this out, but until then I hope that DR will become something that you will look forward to with some news, happenings and a little humor cast in from time to time. So let's hit it a lick!

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Greetings fellow IDA members. You will be seeing these articles from me in each issue of Diplomacy Review this year. I hope to keep you informed of Council plans and projects. Jerry will keep you posted on bills and votes.

The present projects underway are:

1. A Census currently being conducted by Andy Cook. We hope to have this completed by June for distribution at DipCon XI.
2. A Publisher's Relation Project run by Jerry Jones. This also includes a game insurance program. Jerry should be explaining more about this in this issue.
3. The Treasurer should be auditing the books to see if everything is in order. Doug Beyerlein is very capable and I'm sure he'll have it done promptly.

Currently being planned are:

1. Some sort of handbook from Konrad Baumeister. He should be letting me know soon, as we'd like it finished by DipCon.
2. Establishing election procedures for next year. This task is tentatively delegated to Jerry Jones with the help from the Ombudsman (Dave Bunke).
3. A Handbook on the History of the Diplomacy Hobby since its inception. We may have Ron Kelly, Fred Davis and possibly some others working on this project, which has no definite date of completion.
4. Possibly a Council Diplomacy Game, to be run in Council Courier, and to be reprinted in Diplomacy Review. This requires unanimous council assent and a guest GM near me, and may be difficult to arrange. More on this later.
5. Reestablishing memberships for and relation with non-North Americans and with as many other Diplomacy organizations as possible. Handling the contact with the other Dipgroups will be Cal White.

Things we will need help with:

1. I ask all publishers to advertise handbooks and support activities such as the Census and Publisher's Relations.
2. Anyone with any knowledge in some area is strongly requested to write articles for the coming handbooks.
3. Anyone wanting to help is urged to write to your national projects chairman (either Cal White or Andy Cook) offering your services. They will see that your interests are channeled to the proper place.
4. Please send any ideas to Cal or Andy. They will see to it that useful ideas are acted upon.

I know that Jerry has a lot to do with DR, but I was hoping he might be able to run a ride program to DipCon in June, along with a roommate program. Specifically, if you need a ride or a roommate, I was hoping Jerry might be able to arrange for them. At present, I'd appreciate a ride, and I'm rooming with Cal White and Andy Cook, and could use one extra roommate.

Council members planning to attend DipCon:

Definite--Andy Cook and Cal White.

Presumably--Jerry Jones and Doug Beyerlein.

Most Likely--Bob Hartwig.

Probably Not--Dave Bunke and Konrad Baumeister.

If there is any way to make it, I'll be there, and I hope Dave and Konrad will try too.

At the present time, this should conclude the necessary business. I urge all of you with expiring memberships to re-enroll and hope that this year the IDA-NA can prove to be a useful organization.

Sincerely,



Council Doings

This is a short synopsis of the bills voted upon during the first issue of Council Courier.

78.01--Approves the actions of Bob Hartwig while he was acting-President of the IDA-NA. Also approves his actions as acting-Treasurer.

78.02--Approves all acts of the 1977 Council.

78.03--Authorizes the reimbursement to Jerry Jones for expenses relating to the Publisher's Relation project.

78.04--Authorizes the reimbursement to Bill Young for money spent informing new members of their unprocessed checks.

78.05--Re-opens membership to non-North Americans.

The voting on these five bills was either yes, no, abstain or debate. In the future the voting procedures will be amended slightly. The bills will be introduced in one issue of Council Courier. Debates will be handled in the second issue and voted on in the third. Exception: If a bill receives all seven votes in the second issue (no debate) then the decision will be made ahead of time.

Voting results:

	<u>Hartwig</u>	<u>Bunke</u>	<u>Beyerlein</u>	<u>Jones</u>	<u>Baumeister</u>	<u>Cook</u>	<u>White</u>	
78.01	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6-1 Passed
78.02	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0-7 Defeated
78.03	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	5-2 Passed
78.04	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	6-1 Passed
78.05	Y	N	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	5-1-1 Debate

The debate on 78.05 was primarily about whether or not the non-Americans would get a council representative.

Bills proposed in Council Courier 78.02:

- 78.05--Re-opens membership to non-North Americans. No council office for these members but the Ombudsman will represent them on the council.
- 78.06--Authorizes reimbursement to Ben Grossman and Greg Costikyan for 1977 Handbook.
- 78.07--Approves reimbursement of Bob Hartwig for money spent acquiring Treasury.
- 78.08--Approves the reimbursement of Ben Grossman for DR, VI, 5.
- 78.09--Approves the reimbursement of Ben Grossman and Greg Costikyan for the depreciation on their mimeo machines for 1977.
- 78.10--Approves the reimbursement of Robert Sacks for Miller numbers.
- 78.11--Approves the establishment of the DipCon Site Selection Committee.
- 78.12--Removes Ray Heuer as director of OPG. (Since it has been pointed out that the OPG is an independent organization the IDA cannot remove Mr. Heuer so this bill is formally withdrawn.)
- 78.13--Bill establishes the Publisher Relation project as a voluntary project but gives the council the right to replace the project director.
- 78.14--Authorizes the continued reimbursement to Andy Cook for the Census.
- 78.15--Authorizes the continued reimbursement to Jerry Jones for the PRP.
- 78.16--Authorizes Ron Kelly to coordinate the Diplomacy History handbook.
- 78.17--Authorizes reimbursement to President for money spent on Council Courier.
- 78.18--Empowers Council to impeach any member who misses two consecutive votes or three total. Impeachment vote must be unanimous from other six members.

As you can see that primarily we are trying to get "our house" in order and clean up debts from the past so as we can get on to the things at hand.

On the next page will be some of the things we are trying to do and some of the things that you can do to help.

The 1978 Special Project will be a Novice Handbook. We will need some people to help in the authoring of articles for the handbook. Should your article be published in the Handbook you will receive a copy for free. Of course since you wrote an article you probably won't need a "Novice Handbook" but what the heck. You'll be doing something that will hopefully aide those that are new to the hobby. (And you'll get your name in print, maybe.)

The 1978 Census is expected to be completed by June 16, 1978.

We are working on some kind of "welcome" letter to new members of the IDA-NA.

We are also trying to establish the election procedures. We being me and I would welcome with open arms (and I promise to shower first) any comments and ideas that you may have.

Got a little story that ties in with the history of Diplomacy? If you do Ron Kelly, Andy Cook or Myself would love to hear it. Dig through all of your old zines and send us anything that you find.

Interested in Variants? We are looking for a volunteer to hold the IDA seat on the Diplomacy Variant Commission. All volunteers should send a letter to Bob Hartwig informing him of your desires. The Council will vote on all volunteers one month from today.

Publisher's Relation Project. Basically the PRP (PRP is hard to type, maybe I should look into a new name), is a function by which the publishers of Diplomacy zines can pass and receive information in sort of the same manner that UPI passes information. I print the information every three weeks and pass it along to interested publishers and then they can pass it along to you. How many times have you read of a convention or the like that happens three weeks prior to your finding out about it. That is one thing we are trying to avoid.

Anybody out there got a copy of the Publisher's Handbook that they would like to part with for a week or so? I am looking into the possibility of either re-printing, modernizing or re-doing the Handbook.

Under the PRP my special project is the Game Search Project (GSP, that's not too hard to type). Under this if you are looking for a game to play in, it doesn't have to be regular Diplomacy, it can be variants, simulation wargames or whatever, you can drop me a line telling me what you are looking for and I can, hopefully, get you in touch with the right zine. I'm trying to keep an updated listing of games so don't hesitate to ask.

Orphaned Games: Within the PRP we are going to try to find homes for orphaned games. All zines that are members of the PRP are covered in the eventuality that they should have to close their ditto/mimeo/xerox machines down.

If you know of a game that is orphaned, or are in a game that has no zine, write to me and give me all of the particulars as you know them. I would like to have these games cleared up and got going again ASAP. As Ray Heuer is the OGP I will try to go with him first but these games MUST get going soon or they may never get going at all. Don't just tell me the zine and BN, but give me all that you can. It will really speed up matters.

Well all of that should keep us busy. Do what you can. You can rest assured that it will be appreciated.

To close out this page I wish to say this. On the next page you will find a list, a rather loooong list, of IDA-NA members whose membership expires with this issue. Also a list for those of you who have but one issue remaining. I would like to do and say all that I can to entice you to maintain your dues. I can promise you that you WILL receive six issues of DR and that you won't regret supporting this years IDA-NA. Please?

Members Whose Membership Lapses With This Issue

John Baker, Paul Below, Marie Beyerlein, Doug Beyerlein, Russell Vie Brooks, Walter Buchanan, Douglas Casper, Paul Clement, Bruce Degi, Matt Diller, Ferkin Doyle, Larry Dunning, Dave Fugihara, Margret Gemignani, Michael Gray, John Hendry, Tom Johnston, John Leeder, Adrian Levy, Frank McIlvaine, J. McManus, Clifford Mann, Joseph Mike, Jack Shineman, David Stone, Roland Straten, Steve Tymeson, Peter Reese, Mike Rocamora, Edward Vesnecke, Thomas Victory, Thomas Walton, Norman Weinstock, Jeff Wells, and Eric Verheiden.

Members Whose Membership Lapses With The Next Issue

Michael Anchors, Gery Behner, Leonard Blasiol, Steve Brooks, Fred Davis, S. Decker, Bob Fabry, Lawrence Gillespie, John Gross, Steven Graves, Ray Heuer, Elmer Hinton, Charles Ingram, David Kadlecek, Henry Kelley, Ron Kelly, Richard Kovalcik, John McElvaney, Howard Mahler, James Matt, George Petry, Don Pitsch, Walter Sannwald, J. Rapp, Conrad von Metzke, John Weswig, Cal White, and Ben Zablocki.

Should You Move please notify Doug Beyerlein or myself so that we can be sure that you will receive DR. Also I would like to receive the addresses of these people so that they may receive DR. Walter Sannwald, and Charles Ingram.

And while we're at it, let's have a show of hands for all who are in favor of having Konrad Baumeister join the IDA-NA. There's a Special Project for you Konrad, fork up the two bucks. No free rides around here.

On to more pleasant things:

DipCon XI.

The dates for DipCon have been changed. Due to the forty days and forty nights of rain we've had in sunny California all of the functions at Northridge University have been delayed on week. The new dates are June 30th, July 1st and 2nd. It will be held at the California State University at Northridge.

The Diplomacy Tournament will be run by either Russell Fox or Conrad von Metzke. The Diplomacy Tournament will be on Saturday (first round) with the final round on Sunday. There will be no Diplomacy on Friday.

The preregistration fee is \$2.00 and there is no separate fees for each tournament. There may be a shortage of Dippy games so bring one if you can.

The checks should be made payable to Fred Abrams (checks or money orders, no cash please). The checks should be mailed to CSUN Simulation Games Association, PO Box 163, Northridge, CA 91328.

The convention will be in Sierra Hall South, which fortunately is air-conditioned. It may be hot then and with all of the people the air-conditioning will become a must.

Any questions you may have should be directed to Russell Fox, 5160 Donna Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356 or you can ask me and I'll try to get the answer.

As for housing I will try to help in any way I can. An idea would be if you need a roommate tell me and maybe I can set it up for you with someone else who is looking for one. Also I will be putting up (that may be putting up with) some of the people at my house. I don't know how many will (or can) be staying here but the more the merrier. There is a Holiday Inn about three miles from the University. The address is 8244 Orion Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91406 (213) 989-5010.

Well this looks like as good a place as any to close this out. As I said way back on page one I'm not sure as to where this is going. So help me out. If you liked this, let me know. If you didn't, let me know that too (and why). And if there is something that you feel would be a good addition to DR inform me. (I know what I'd like to see but I think the obscenity laws wouldn't allow that in the mails.

THANK